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SCOPE FOR MANICURIST EXAMINATION

THE LICENSE EXAMINATION

The examination consists of two parts, a written part and practical part.

To pass the examination, you must achieve all of the following:

1. A total score of at least 300 points (75% out of a possible 400 points)
2. A score of at least 225 on the practical part
3. A score of at least 70 on the written part

NOTE: It is possible to achieve the minimum required score on both the practical part and the written part and **not** pass the examination. Applicants who achieve between 70-74 points on the written part must achieve a score greater than 225 on the practical part which, when added to the written score, makes the total score at least 300 points.

If you pass you will be issued a license immediately.

If you fail you will be given a form showing the scores in each category, the areas of failure, and an application form for re-examination with instructions.

SCOPE OF THE WRITTEN PART

100 POINTS

The written part consists of 100 multiple-choice questions in the following areas:

1. General Subjects: (a) Barbering and Cosmetology Act, (b) Rules and Regulations, (c) Health and Safety/Hazardous Substances (d) sanitation and disinfection, (e) safety procedures, (f) client consultation and analysis, (g) general chemistry, (h) product knowledge/terms.
2. Anatomy and Physiology: (a) bacteriology, (b) disorders of skin and nails.
3. Nail Care: (a) manicure and pedicure, (b) artificial nails (tips, wraps, acrylics, etc.).

NOTE: Due to the ongoing evaluation of our examination questions, some examinations may contain 115 items, however, only 100 of the items will be used to compute a passing grade towards licensure.

SCOPE OF THE PRACTICAL PART

300 POINTS

The examiner will observe and grade your ability to perform manicuring, pedicuring and artificial nail services.

For each operation, the examiner will be grading such things as (1) demonstration of proper disinfection and sanitation techniques, client protection and safety; (2) set-up of necessary equipment; (3) preparation of model; and (4) ability to perform basic skills, including acrylic nails, artificial nail tips, and nail wraps. The cleanliness of your hair, hands, nails, and attire will also be graded.

EXAMINATION INSTRUCTIONS AND EQUIPMENT LIST

1. Each applicant must appear for the practical part of the examination dressed in a uniform with no marks of identification. Female applicants shall wear white dress-type uniforms for white uniform jackets with slacks or skirts of any color. Male applicants shall wear white uniform jackets with slacks of any color. (All other clothing and wearing apparel must be appropriate and meet requirements of sanitation and safety.)
2. Upon entering the examination facility, all applicants, models, interpreters, and interpreter/models **MUST** present a **VALID, CURRENT** government-issued photographic identification card such as:
 - a. A photographic Driver's License (any state), Passport, photographic Alien Registration, or California Photographic I.D. card available from the Department of Motor Vehicles. All photographs must be recognizable as the person to whom the identification card was issued. The name on the application must match the name on the photographic I.D. card.
 - b. The applicant must present an admission letter for admission to the examination site.
 - c. The interpreter and/or interpreter model must present a pre-authorized Form H, in addition to appropriate photographic identification as listed above.

CAUTION
APPLICANTS NOT COMPLYING WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS AND
REQUIREMENTS LISTED COULD BE DENIED ADMISSION TO THE EXAMINATION
(OVER)

3. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide a model in sufficient need of a manicure, in order to demonstrate skills in the use of file, pusher, and nipper.

NOTE: ANY MODEL WEARING FALSE FINGERNAILS OF ANY KIND MAY BE DISQUALIFIED

4. The following may **not** be used as models in the manicurist exam (Section 931 of the Bureau's Rules and Regulations):
- a person less than 15 years of age
 - a current or former student of a barbering, cosmetology or electrology school
 - a school owner or employee
 - an operator or instructor in barbering or cosmetology or any of its branches who is licensed by this or any other state
 - a person who has been, or is currently enrolled in an apprentice program for barbering, cosmetology or electrology
 - It is strongly suggested that pregnant women not be used as models.

A **male** model **can** be used in the manicurist examination.

5. The applicant is responsible to appear at the examination with a sufficient quantity of supplies and the required instruments (in the proper working order and sanitary condition) to demonstrate all services given by a manicurist, including the application of acrylic nails, artificial nail tips, and nail wraps.
6. The following minimum **supplies** and equipment will be **required** for the **practical part of the examination**:

A MANICURIST'S FULL WORKING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, INCLUDING:

(The check boxes are provided for the applicant's convenience when assembling these items.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | | Cotton |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2-oz. | Hand Soap |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 | Container for Preparation of Wet Sanitizer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 | Container for Disinfection of Implements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 8-oz. | Disinfectant Solution that Meets Requirements of Board Regulation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1-oz. | Polish Remover |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | Manicure Bowl and Brush |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 | Pedicure Tubs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 | Emery Boards or Steel File |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1-oz. | Cuticle Solvent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1-oz. | Cuticle Oil or Cream |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1-oz. | Hand Lotion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1-oz. | Liquid Polish (medium to dark shade) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1-ea | Cuticle Nippers and Scissors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 | Metal Cuticle Pusher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 | Orangewood Stick |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | Sufficient Towels for Manicuring Examination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | First-Aid Supplies for Cuts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | Sufficient Material and Equipment to Apply Acrylic Nails, Nail Tips, and Nail Wraps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | Only Odor Free or Odorless Acrylic Formulas Will Be Allowed. (The label on the acrylic formula must state that the product is odor free or odorless.) |

IMPORTANT NOTE:

YOU MUST DEMONSTRATE THE USE OF THE METAL PUSHER, AND NIPPERS ON YOUR MODEL DURING THE PRACTICAL EXAMINATION